



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604**

SUBJECT: CLEAN AIR ACT INSPECTION REPORT
All American Recycling, Chicago, Illinois

FROM: Natalie Schulz, Environmental Engineer
AECAB (MN/OH)

THRU: Brian Dickens, Section Supervisor
AECAB (MN/OH)

TO: File

BASIC INFORMATION

Facility Name: All American Recycling - Chicago

Facility Location: 11900 South Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Date of Inspection: August 19, 2022

EPA Inspector(s):

1. Natalie Schulz, Environmental Engineer
2. Valeria Apolinario, Environmental Engineer

Other Attendees:

1. John Weber, Controller
2. Mario Gomez, Yard Manager
3. Scott Glass, Consultant

Contact Email Address: jweber@aarecycles.com

Purpose of Inspection: Safe disposal of appliance regulations inspection

Facility Type: Scrap metal recycling yard

Regulations Central to Inspection: 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F: Recycling and Emissions Reduction for the Protection of Stratospheric Ozone

Arrival Time: 8:20 a.m.

Departure Time: 11:00 a.m.

Inspection Type:

- ☒ Unannounced Inspection
- ☐ Announced Inspection

OPENING CONFERENCE

- ☒ Presented Credentials
- ☒ Stated authority and purpose of inspection
- ☒ Provided Small Business Resource Information Sheet
- ☐ Small Business Resource Information Sheet not provided.
- ☒ Provided CBI warning to facility

The following information was obtained verbally from John Weber, Mario Gomez, and Scott Glass unless otherwise noted.

Process Description:

The facility is not open to the public; it only receives material from All American's other scrap yards, located in Ford Heights, Aurora, and Joliet. Small appliances that were accepted at other yards might come to this facility; the other scrap yards may also send small appliances directly to a shredder. The feeder yard accepts refrigerant recovery verification statements and contracts or has a third-party recover the refrigerant prior to delivery to this facility. The facility has torch cutting and a baler on-site.

Staff Interview:

It is a longstanding policy that this facility receives scrap from feeder yards only and does not accept from the general public. The facility stated that feeder yards should have already recovered refrigerant from small appliances or accepted the small appliances under verification statement or contract. This facility does not directly accept verification statements for small appliances; the facility collects the signed verification statements from these yards.

TOUR INFORMATION

EPA Tour of the Facility: Yes

Data Collected and Observations:

A pile of a/c radiators are seen during the facility tour. A refrigerator door was observed in a scrap pile, but the base of the refrigerator was not seen.

Photos and/or Videos: were taken during the inspection.

Field Measurements: were not taken during this inspection.

RECORDS REVIEW

1. Contracts
2. Verification statements- U.S. EPA viewed verification statements on receipts from the feeder yards.

CLOSING CONFERENCE

- ☒ Provided U.S. EPA point of contact to the facility

Requested documents:

- Industrial supplier contracts for the past three years
- Third party recovery service receipts for the past three years
- Verification statements for the past three years
- Copies of inventories relating to material that contains or once contained refrigerant, i.e., a/c radiators

Compliance Assistance: Inspectors informed the consultant that components of small appliances that previously contained refrigerant are also subject to the regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F.

Concerns: Inspectors shared concerns that the verification statements and contracts were not being properly completed. One of the verification statements reviewed on-site lacked a signature.

DIGITAL SIGNATURES

Report Author: _____

Section Supervisor: _____

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APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix A: Digital Image Log

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APPENDIX A: DIGITAL IMAGE LOG

1. Inspector Name: Natalie Schulz	2. Archival Record Location: C:\Users\nschulz\OneDrive - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)\Aurora Scrap Yards\All American\8.19.22 All American Inspections\All American Chicago\Photos
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Image Number	File Name	Date and Time (incl. Time zone and DST)	Description of Image
1	IMG_0196.JPG	10:16 a.m., CST Note: camera programmed to different time zone.	Scrap pile
2	IMG_0197.JPG	10:17 a.m., CST	Scrap pile
3	IMG_0198.JPG	10:18 a.m., CST	Refrigerator door
4	IMG_0199.JPG	10:36 a.m., CST	Radiator pile
5	IMG_0200.JPG	10:38 a.m., CST	Signage